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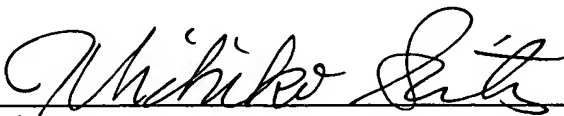
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

Applicant notes the Examiner's comments regarding allowable subject matter in view of U.S. Patent 6,076,405 (Schoess). No inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicant agrees with the Examiner's characterization(s) of Schoess. Rather, Applicant has already addressed the pertinence (or lack thereof) of Schoess in the Amendment and Reply dated January 9, 2004 (hereinafter, "Amendment and Reply").

Except to the extent the Examiner's comments have identified certain significant shortcomings of Schoess relative to the claimed inventions, no inference or conclusion should be drawn that Applicant believes that those shortcomings are the only shortcomings of Schoess that are pertinent to the claimed inventions. As described in the Amendment and Reply, there are many inventions described in the instant application. The

Amendment and Reply highlighted the shortcomings of Schoess, in relation to the independent claims, in a manner so as to present a more concise response. As such, the remarks were not exhaustive in that regard.

Indeed, no mention was made with respect to the dependent claims, which include other inventive aspects that reveal further shortcomings of Schoess. Again, the discussion of the patentability of the claims, in view of Schoess, was not exhaustive by any means.

Similarly, Applicant interprets the Examiner's comments in the same way. That is, the Examiner's comments are directed solely to certain patentable features in the independent claims and are in no way exhaustive relative to the independent claims or the dependent claims.

Applicant, however, does agree with the Examiner's ultimate conclusion that the inventions, as claimed, are patentable over Schoess (alone or in combination).

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Respectfully submitted,

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